

5th Week of Easter

Another week and God's story continues....

Jesus provided answers to his disciples' many spoken and unspoken concerns...

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. - *John 14:1-3*

Prelude

Opening Song

Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten,
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten
God alone fills us.
Words & Music: Taizé Community.

Opening Sentences

God is in our midst,
forming us to be God's own people.
**Though the way may be difficult,
God will be with us.**

We need not fear.
**In the Lord we will take our refuge,
for God is our strength.**

Come to the Lord who will surround you
with God's own righteousness.
**Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we
may faithfully follow you. AMEN.**

Choir:

Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten,
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten
God alone fills us.

Scripture Reading

**Prayer for
Illumination**

God Almighty,
in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives,
may your Word be shown. **Amen.**

A Reading from the gospel according to John:

John 14:1-14

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You Lord, Christ.

Silence

Reflection

Jesus said, "Do not be anxious. You are not going to be abandoned. I'm going to have to leave, but I will return in the Holy Spirit to be with you always. Try to understand that. Don't be troubled. Salvation – wholeness and health – are not dependent upon wealth, position, or right knowledge or belief, right experience or feeling, right behaviour or goodness. It is God's will that everyone enjoy wholeness and health.

- John Westerhoff

Prayers

God of life,
we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son,
his defeat over death, and his gift of new life.
To you as giver of new life and renewed hope
we bring our prayers:

Almighty God,
source of life and healing,
look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your people who
suffer because of this pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick,
give strength to the nurses, the doctors, the hospital staff and all who
care for them, comfort the families of all affected.
Give hope to those who have lost their jobs and those who struggle with
their businesses.

We pray for health – for those who have to keep
working in the groceries so that we may have food, the bus and MRT
drivers so that we can commute, the cleaners who make sure the
environment is clean. And for those in authority as they take the right steps in
guiding and helping their people- that we may all work together towards
eradicating this virus.

Father, throughout this time of tribulation, grant that we may all find
comfort in your merciful love. Help us to persevere in faith.

Choir Sings:

O Lord hear our prayer

O Lord hear our prayer

When I call, answer me.

O Lord hear our prayer,

O Lord hear our prayer

come and listen to me!

**Closing
Prayer**

Listen to the promise Jesus makes:
I will never abandon you as orphans—
I will come to you.
Even though the world will not be able to see me,
I will never vanish from your sight.
And since I live, you will also live.
Go from here in the knowledge
that you do not go alone:
the power and presence of God goes with you.
Amen.

The Lord bless you,
the Lord Keep you;
may his love ever, always surround you,
protect you, and guide you in all that you do:
our prayer for you.
Amen.

Words and Music: E. Fred Morris; arr Tim TenClay

Leader in Worship

Pauline Ong, *Worship leader*

Daisy Howe-Chia, *Scripture Reader*

Justin Chan, Amelia Leo, Valarie Wilson, *Musicians*

Choirs:

Methodist Festival Choir small group, “Nada Te Turbe”

Kampong Kapor Methodist Church Chancel and Celestial Choirs, “The Lord Bless You”

Worship Resources

Berthier, Jacques. “Nada Te Turbe” (No. 444) & “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” (No. 903) in *Lift Up Your Hearts: Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*. Grand Rapids, MI: Faith Alive, 2013. © 1991 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé, Community.

Westerhoff, John III. *A Pilgrim People: Learning through the Church Year*. New York, NY: Seabury Classics, 2005.

Morris, E. Fred & Tim TenClay. “The Lord Bless You” (No. 948) in *Lift Up Your Hearts: Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*. Grand Rapids, MI: Faith Alive, 2013.

Opening Sentences & Prayer for Illumination: Reprinted by permission from *The Worship Sourcebook*, © 2004, CRC Publications.